

Good afternoon Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the Committee this evening.

**Re: HB 6037 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS**

My name is Doris Navarrete, I am a Citizen of the United States, and I reside in Derby Connecticut and I am in favor of House of Bill 6037, An Act Concerning of Issuance of Motor Vehicle Operator License to Certain Immigrants.

My testimony is based on one of my relative's experiences during the time he was undocumented and driving without a license.

He was involved in a car accident that was not his fault. Unfortunately the other driver hit and ran the scene. We never reported it to the police in fear that he would have been deported. No one deserves to live in fear; therefore, I believe this Bill should be enforced in the State of Connecticut. In addition, I believe this Bill will give this particular group the opportunity to contribute to the economic development of this state.

Although that I'm happy about this Bill, I'm also concerned about fraud and I recommend this committee create stronger eligibility requirements for drivers' licenses. For example:

- He or she should reside in CT for at least 3 to 5 years and;
- Should present notarized references from people who can testify their CT residency.

We need educate this group to prevent them from being exploited by people who are always trying to take it advantage of the misfortunes of others Finally, we need to make sure that this Bill only benefit the people of Connecticut not outsiders.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee on this bill. In addition, I ask you to support this bill by moving it forward.

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